

Halloween Safety Tips





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The following safety tips are recommended by the Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Carmel Police Department:

- Don't let children go "Trick or Treating" alone. Be sure older children use the BUDDY SYSTEM. An adult should accompany young children.
- Accompany young children to the door of every house they approach. Stay within sight of the door.
- Parents should be familiar with every house and with all people from which the children receive treats.
- Children should be cautioned never to approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless they know the owner and are accompanied by a parent.
- Children should be cautioned never to enter any home without prior permission from their parents.



- Make sure that all children carry a glow stick or flashlight and wear reflective clothing.
- When using facemasks, make sure the child can see and breathe properly and easily.
- All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
- Children should be warned to never approach any house that isn't well lit and that does not have a porch light on.
- Parents should inspect all treats and dispose of anything that has been opened or has never been wrapped and police should be notified if something has been tampered with.



Call 911



- Children should be cautioned to remember any suspicious incidents and report them to their parents or the police.
- Children should be instructed to scream and make a scene if anyone tries to grab them or force them into a home or vehicle or make them go with them.
- Children should be cautioned to run away immediately from people who try to lure them with special treats.



- Costumes should be made of flame-retardant materials. They should be short to prevent tripping.
- Use light colors and reflective materials.
- Try using make-up on the child's face instead of a mask, as a mask can obstruct a child's view.





- Feed children a meal before trick-or-treating.
- Check all treats at home in a well lighted place. Inspect fruit and homemade treats very carefully and eat only unopened candy.

Sunday October 31st from
5p-8p

